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1. The Soviet Consulate in East Berlin was expected to move to new premises located at the intersection of Schadowstrasse and Mittelstrasse, opposite the Soviet Embassy, on Unter den Linden, at about the end of 1954. The Consulate should be in its new location before Christmas 1954. The new building was being readied for the Consulate.

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2. The building which will house the Consulate was also to be occupied by certain Soviet offices which were formerly located in Buildings No. 1 and No. 4 in the Staff Area of the Soviet Compound at Karlshorst, according to Grishin (fnu), who also stated that the Kech organization would not take part in the basic work on the three-story structure. Grishin further mentioned that several officials would live in the building and that it was difficult to procure good electric stoves for the prospective tenants.

Comment. Building No.1 was formerly occupied by the Soviet High Commission. Building No. 4 was occupied by elements of Soviet information services, including TASS.

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